# SWAC C&D Subcommittee Meeting

### MassDEP Bureau of Air & Waste

October 26, 2017: 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

**One Winter Street, Boston** 



# **Agenda**

- Welcome/Introductions
- C&D Action Plan Survey Responses
- CY2016 C&D Facility Annual Report Summary Data
- Announcements
- Next Steps/Closing

**Q1** – What C&D materials should be prioritized in the next C&D Action Plan?

- Wood (8)
  - o dirty/painted wood to clean wood
- Asphalt shingles (2)
- Gypsum/sheetrock (2)
- Others:
  - C&D Fines/Residuals/BUD Materials (by-product, not a material)
  - Carpets/mattresses
  - Out-of-State Transfers
  - Nuclear waste

**Q2** – What can be done to identify and attract new recycling end markets for priority C&D materials?

- Establish in-state biomass market for wood (5)
  - Encourage the creation of a nearby energy plant using C&D biomass as a fuel
  - Have a strong renewable portfolio standard that mandates biomass
  - Permit additional capacity to manage C&D wood generated by C&D processing facilities (landfill-dependent use is not recycling)
- Encourage MassDOT to allow use of RAS in roads (2)
- Others:
  - Consider unorthodox uses for C&D Fines
  - Relax restrictions/remove regulatory barriers on painted ABC, demo gypsum and other demo materials
  - Impose fees on transferred out-of-state materials
  - Offer tax free status

**Q3** – How can compliance with existing C&D material waste bans be improved? Are existing waste ban materials (i.e. asphalt, brick, concrete [ABC]; wood, metal, new gypsum wallboard) being diverted effectively? Are there additional C&D waste materials we should consider banning?

- Unless reliable, sustainable, local markets are developed, no new bans (5)
  - waste bans can be self-enforced when there are attractive and plentiful outlets
  - Work with MA DOT to use materials such as asphalt
  - Put diversion into MA DCAM bid specs (e.g. gypsum)
- Prevent out-of-state transfer by rail or truck, undermines credibility of bans (3)
  - Impose fees
  - Restrict rail haul facilities to ship only processed material
- Existing waste bans are working (3)
  - Except for demo wood
  - Enforce existing waste bans
  - Haulers/Generators need to be held accountable
- Others:
  - Remove the bans

**Q4** – How can waste management strategies be encouraged/expanded at the jobsite to increase recycling and reuse (e.g. source separation, deconstruction, materials reuse, etc.)?

- Offer state funds for the programs (3)
  - Cost of labor is what hurts source separation.
- Mandate all large construction/demo projects to require source separation (2)
- Education (2)
  - More education for contractors
- Others:
  - Pilot/demonstration of source separation studies
  - Encourage better dumpster management: e.g. signage, color coding, consistent collection strategies, small dumpster pickup
  - Cost reduction strategies: cheaper price for sheetrock cans; easier access to reuse companies for windows, doors, etc.;
  - Except for gypsum drywall, no need for source separation of C&D materials
  - Not economically feasible, should only be used for high-value products such as oldgrowth wood and pre-WWII brick
  - Haulers are not onboard; will not work

**Q5** – How can adoption of green building standards and sustainable construction practices be used to encourage greater recycling and reuse of C&D materials?

- Implementation of LEED v4 will help (3)
  - Source separation requirements
  - Recycled material content in products requirements
  - Translates to additional capacity if the standards are regulated and enforced
- LEED recycling credits are: problematic to meet, not economically feasible, difficult to impossible to perform (3)
- Education (2)
  - More education for contractors, developers, architects
- Others:
  - MassDEP could adopt LEED
    - Offer state funds
    - Give credits, implement diversion rates

**Q6** – How can manufacturers of construction products be encouraged to adopt more product take-back and recycling programs?

- By regulation and enforcement (4)
  - Require manufacturers to take back product with no recycling/reuse value
- Tax credits and other incentives (4)
  - Work with industry trade groups on product stewardship initiatives
- Other
  - Some materials, such as drywall, have little value, not worth reintegrating into the product stream

**Q7** – How can MassDEP better leverage its authority, the work of other government agencies, or other program tools to recycle and reuse more C&D materials (e.g. regulation, policy, compliance & enforcement, permitting, the Recycling Loan Fund, Recycling Business Development Grants, municipal authority, building code)?

- Work with MassDOT to allow asphalt shingles into roadbase (3)
  - Only in the basecoat/binder
  - Get buy-in from the EEA Secty. to push it at the Cabinet level
- Better compliance and enforcement (3)
- Others:
  - Leverage MassDEP authority to allow construction of an energy generation facility that uses C&D biomass
  - Offer a state grant to a municipality to open a waste to energy plant at a landfill
  - Ease permit specs for projects that will use or convert recycled materials
  - Improve reporting: stop allowing deduction of transferred materials; require separate reporting of mixed C&D waste recovered
  - Impose fees on transferred out-of-state materials

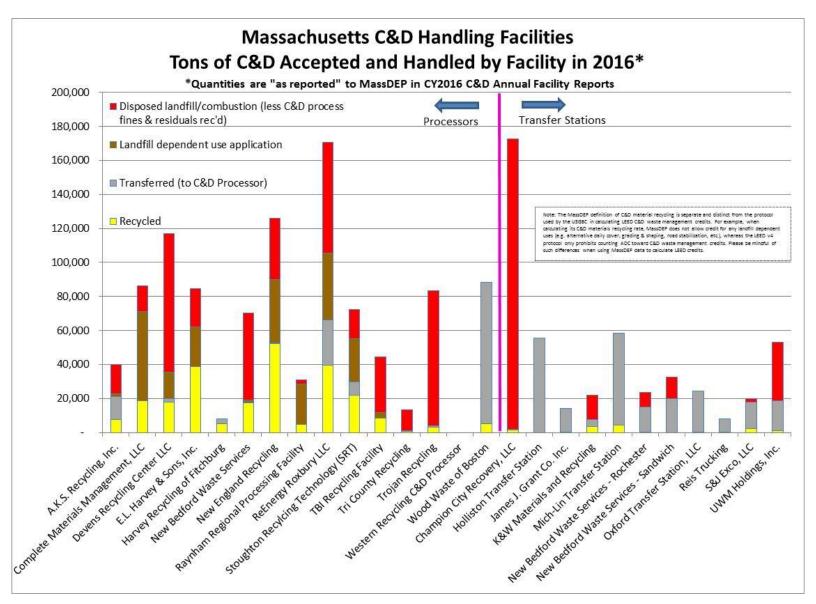
**Q8** - Please share any other comments or suggestions you have on the subject?

- The success of the C & D recycling infrastructure is dependent on sound supportive cooperation of all involved (2)
  - Listen to industry concerns and work together to solve their common issues

#### Others:

- Focus on Markets followed by enforcement of existing regulation
- Single biggest challenge for all C & D processing facilities in Massachusetts is finding in-state homes for C & D Residuals
- Offer state funds or tax credits 1
- Have a summary on your website of every facility's commingled recycling rate

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### Revisions to back-up data table

Inbound Inbound Inbound Cat-1 Source Cat-2 Cat-3 Mixed C&D Separated Processed Bulky/DTM Waste (SSM) Residuals
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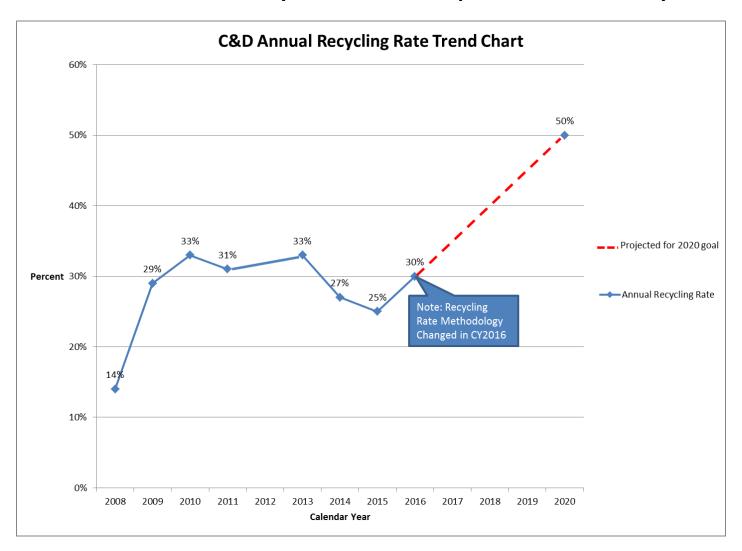
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			ADC.
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			Grading)

 Added break-out of inbound categories

 Revised recycling rate method

Added break-out of LDU categories

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### **Announcements**

# Status of YR2017 Recycling Business Development Grant Applications

- 12 Applications Received
  - 6 under C&D Category
- Review process not yet completed
- Awards will be announced soon

### Other Announcements?

**Next Steps/Closing** 

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